

**Wilmington Selectboard/Sewer Commission**  
**December 6, 2017**  
**Meeting Minutes**

**Present:** Tom Fitzgerald, John Gannon, Sarah Fisher, Ann Manwaring, Vince Rice

**Others Present:** Scott Tucker, Jessica DeFrancesco, Cliff Duncan, Barbara Lipstadt, Brandon Brassor, Bill Hunt, Scott Moore, Craig Ohlson, Gretchen Havreduk, Cheryl LaFlamme, Mike Purcell, William King, Diane and Lenny Chapman, Meg Streeeter, Mike Eldred, Chris Mays

Meeting called to order at 6:00 pm

1. Visitors, Public Comments, Possible Changes to the Agenda

Duncan commented on the Wings Program and their plans to modify Memorial Hall. Word has gotten around that Dale Doucette is looking at pulling his equipment out of the building and that would be a huge loss to the community.

2. Approve Minutes of November 14, 15, 16, 20, 22, and 29, 2017

Gannon moved to approve the minutes of November 14 and November 15 at 5pm, Manwaring second; 4-0, Rice abstained

Gannon moved to approve the minutes of November 15 at 6 pm, Rice second; all in favor.

Gannon moved to approve the minutes of November 16, Rice second; 4-0, Manwaring abstained.

Gannon moved to approve the minutes of November 20, 22, and 29, Rice second; all in favor.

3. Action Items

- The Board of Listers has submitted their Errors and Omissions List for adjustments to the 2017 Grand List for possible Selectboard approval. Gannon moved to approve the corrections to the 2017 Grand List as obtained in the document received, Rice second; all in favor.
- The Selectboard agreed to approve a two-year DRB waiver for the application fee for residents in the new Village Design Review District during the Zoning Ordinance Hearing process, but never voted on it. Gannon moved to approve a two-year DRB waiver for the application fee for residents in the new Village Design Review District, Manwaring second. After a discussion Gannon amended his vote. Gannon moved to approve a two-year DRB waiver for the application fee for residential properties in the new Village Design Review District, Rice second; all in favor.

4. Searsburg Fire Agreement

- Gannon moved to approve a 5-year fire agreement for fire protection services with the town of Searsburg, Rice second; all in favor.

5. Transfer Station

- Brassor explained that a permit fee increase should cover the cost of food scrap collection. The compost permit that was implemented this year should have covered these costs but no one is doing it. He proposed increasing the \$10 permit to \$15 in January which would include composting. A food scrap bucket would still cost \$5. Next year the permit would increase to \$20.
- The recycling at former highway garage site has a lot of trash being dumped. The clothes bins are also a problem. Many surrounding towns have closed their unmanned sites which could be why we are seeing such an increase in dumping. This will be put on the next agenda as its own item.
- Discussed possibly extending the transfer station hours, should the 24 hour recycling location close. It should only need to be expanded for businesses. Maybe open all day Tuesday. Hunt explained that Brassor also did mowing and plowing so if you expanded the hours of the transfer station too much it

would bottleneck other areas. Coverage would also be an issue. It's difficult to find coverage for his vacations now. If we needed coverage for more/longer days it may be more difficult.

Gannon moved to increase the permit fee to \$15 as of January 1, 2018, Rice second.

Gannon amended his motion.

Gannon moved to increase the permit fee to \$15 on January 1, 2018 and \$20 on January 1, 2019, Rice second; all in favor.

#### 6. Preferred Site

- The Selectboard heard from Cheryl LaFlamme of the Planning Commission and William King from Alternative Energy Development Group. In order for this property to become a solar array it must be a preferred site. The site is not visible from any roadway or neighbor. There will be a foliage screened fence along the trail. This array would be for commercial use-Shaws, Health Center, etc. It could possibly be used as a co-op. ANR has signed off on the site. Manwaring moved to approve Jim and Jane Saulnier's property as a preferred site for the installation of a solar array, Rice second; all in favor.
- The Selectboard listened to the pros of participating in net metering.

#### 7. 1% Local Option Tax Fund Request

- The Selectboard discussed further plan of the trail network. The Board is hesitant to approve 1% funding for a project on school property. This was tabled while the town manager reaches out to the Secretary of Education.

#### 8. Other Business

#### 9. Select Board Members Comments and Other Action Items

- Manwaring also heard comments that there were issues with Memorial Hall and that Dale might be pulling his equipment out. Tucker will reach out to him.

#### 10. Town Manager Updates

- Look Rd Bridge closing in on completion
- OSEC plowing will be on the next agenda
- Meeting tomorrow with Jim Barnes to discuss tax responsibilities and the effect on the town budget
- Wastewater meeting December 12<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 in the Town Hall to discuss expanding services to Ballou Hill
- Green Lantern Solar Lease is being reviewed
- Sugarhouse Development Right-of-Way has been discussed
- Met with Stevens & Associates and reviewed plans for Reardon Bridge stairway. Also saw a review of Memorial Hall they did back in 2012. The porous nature has kept the building standing through two floods. As you fortify the basement, the building is less likely to withstand the flooding.

Fitzgerald moved to adjourn at 8:16 pm, Gannon second; all in favor.

Respectfully Submitted

Jessica DeFrancesco  
Administrative Assistant

Approved by the Wilmington Selectboard:

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Thomas Fitzgerald, Chair

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John Gannon, Vice Chair

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Vince Rice, Clerk

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Sarah Fisher

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Ann Manwaring